# REVIEW OF ACTIVITY IN MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS COVERS WIDE FIELD

## Frederick L. Siddons Confirmed as Justice of the District Supreme Court; Louis P. Brownlow Appointed Commissioner.

politics during the year was the return

ber, resulted to the advantage of the

pre-convention contest very in the air.

As for the democratic party, it became

evident early that it would renominate Woodrow Wilson for President. The year passed out without President Wilson giv-

in power, the democrats had to deal with a good many local dissensions during the year. The administration was not with-

complaints that a good many re-licans still remained in office, and

politics."

In spite of the murmurings that went on in the democratic party, the President, so far as could be judged, continued to hold the good opinion of his countrymen. Undoubtedly, in the opinion of politicians, he strengthened himself during the year by his course in exerting every effort to keep the United States out of the European war and at the

ALONG THE RIVER.

Increased business over 1914 was

done, as a general thing, by the steam-

river and Chesapeake bay to and from

this city, and the outlook for the com-

ing year is particularly bright. The

breaking up of the big farms that for

and easily cultivated farms continues

over 150,000 were loaded on vessels and shipped north. In addition to this many thousand bushels of oysters, barrels of potatoes and onions and cases of can-ned goods were also landed here from Chesapeake bay and lower Potomac

sources.

The exports consisted almost exclusively of coal. During the shipping season twenty-four big sea-going barges loaded coal at Georgetown for Boston and other New England ports.

years lined both sides of the river and

boat lines employed on the Potomac

CHARITIES.

has, during the past year greatly widened. The war abroad has necessitated the issuance of all sorts of appeals on behalf of the sufferers in many lands, and these have been nobly met. Chief among these have been the calls from the Red Cross and the claims for Washington's consideration on behalf of the destitute Belgians. Committees have been working on regular schedules, gathering money, clothes, provisions and surgical supplies for the warring nations, while a great number of entertainments, some pretentious and others small, have been held at intervals to make possible the relief of the sick, wounded and fatherless.

In addition to all this Washington home charities have not been neglected. The long roll of acts for the needy begins with the annual New Year dinner served by the Gospel Mission January 1, 1915, and a linen shower shortly following. Next came the big annuar deharity ball at the Willard for the benefit of the Children's Hospital January 4. Early in January an industrial plant was installed at the Gospel Mission through the generosity of its friends. during the past year greatly

Work Obtained for Idle Men.

February 1 saw the annual benefit for St. Ann's Infant Asylum and also the Southern Relief ball. The Associated Charities announced that it had secured work for 128 men in January. February 17 marked the beginning of "donation week," under the auspices of the National Federation of Women's Clubs. The ninety-six contribution stations turned in thousands of dollars. Washington's birthday the Gospel Mission opened its new soup kitchen, and March 20 the Central Union Mission installed a new lighting system. Easter Monday saw the benefit ball by the Knights of Columbus for St. Ann's Asylum.

Six thousand dollars resulted from the sale of tags March 27 for the Day Nursery and Dispensary for White



WALTER S. UFFORD, retary of the Associated Charities.

Children, and three days later the Gos-April 23 marked the golden jubilee of this

the Christ Child Society.

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The first check for the Lusitania victims was received May 16 from the Needlework Guild, of which the District has a flourishing branch, and May 17 army and navy women united in a fenefit for the widows of the submarine F-4. May 15 a fete for the Working Boys' Home was held; on the 19th the Lutheran Home was dedicated, and May 17 began "humane week" under the auspices of the Humane Association. The same evening the Stellar Dramatic Club gave a play for the charities of Georgetown.

The Metropolitan and Chevy Chase clubs together formed a base ball team, which crossed bats with that of the Philadelphia Racquet Club May 25 for the benefit of Providence Hospital, and May 26 the Hebrew Home for the Aged was the beneficiary of a linen shower.

Interest the Lusitania victions at service to keep pace with the boat service to keep pace with the washing to service to keep pace with the washing to reason why the bautiful homes like those that line the Hudson.

While no foreign imports were brought to this port by water in the past year, except laths from Nova Scotia, the business of the port has been good. It is estimated that up to the middle of December 9,964,851 feet of lumber was landed here from vessels, and in addition to this were several million bundles of laths and shingles from North Carolina and Chesapeake bay ports and from Nova Scotia. In the same period about 12,000 cords of wood and about 30,000 rail-road ties were also brought here. The local firms handled the bulk of the tie business through Alexandria, where

June 5 was "flower day" for the Woman's Clinic. The Elks gave Wash-ington's orphans an enjoyable outing June 17, and June 20 three summer camps—Good Will, Pleasant and the camps—Good Will, Figure Baby Hospital Camp opened. These were the recipients of many gifts and were the recipients of many gifts and entertainments during the summer by

### Red Cross Seals.

The "Penny-a-day Club" for the ben efit of the Friendship House bables was formed early in August and the first part of October saw the printing of 200,000,000 Red Cross seals to be sold during the Christmas season just sold during the Christmas season just past. The principal event in October was the celebration with appropriate exercises of the one hundredth anniversary of the Washington City Orphan Asylum. This was October 16. November 1 the Santa Claus Girl inaugurated her 1915 campaign, some weeks earlier than last year, and with a better chance for even better results. November 7 the sisterhood of the Eighth Street Temple gave a vaudeville entertainment, and November also witnessed tainment, and November also witnessed a luncheon for the benefit of the Epis-copal Home for Children and a harvest home festival for the Methodist Home

Many organizations
Thanksgiving a feast to be remembered by the poor, the missions leading the way with their big dinners.

Home for Foundlings The Washington Home for Foundlings was benefited to a tea in this month; the Day Nursery by a bazaar and the American Association for the Blind also by a bazaar. November 28 was the thirtieth anniversary of the Associated Charities, and late in the month a bazaar and luncheon were given for the Presbyterian Home for the Aged. The sale of Red Cross seals began November 29, and on that day the District branch of the Needlework Guild began its annual distribution to the needy. The Pierce Guild luncheon came early in December, and after nch of the Needlework annual distribution to Pierce Guild luncheon December, and after and and one Christmas organizations.

lifet, which now numbers fully a thousand boats of all classes. The local boat clubs are steadily growing in membership and a growing branch of the United States power boat squadron has been termed here.

NEWCOMERS AMONG WASHINGTON CLERGYMEN AND SOME WHO DEPARTED FOR OTHER FIELDS.



REV. BEVERLY CARRADINE.



REV. LEWIS E. PURDUM.



REV. HOWARD I. STEWART, Now paster of Gospel Tabernacie. New paster of Ingram Congregational Who recently came to pasterate of Sec-Recently installed as paster of Wallace ond Baptist Church after successful Memorial United Presbyterian Church work in Pennsylvania.



REV. J. ALVIN CAMPBELL,

### FATAL ACCIDENTS-VIO-LENT DEATHS.

Dr. J. Ramsay Nevitt District cor oner, signed approximately 2,000 death certificates during the year. His work included the investigation of all homicides, suicides and accidental deaths and in a number of instances supposed ly suspicious deaths were looked into in the cases of bodies of scores of lots and in sewers, and in several such instances it was evident that murder had been committed, although in ne cases were the guilty persons appre hended.

One of the most difficult tasks the coroner had to perform was that of determining between accidental death and suicide, and in several instances it was necessary to refer the questio to a jury. In instances in which the the line between suicide and accident the coroner gave the decedent the benefit of the doubt and per mitted the interment of the body as a victim of accidental death.

Records of the coroner's office show that approximately 175 deaths occurred from accidents of various kinds during the twelve months. In several instances deaths from illuminating gas were due to the presence of defective fixtures, and the coroner recommended that an inspection of fixtures might put a stop to such deaths, but no regulation covering the question has been

Veit, William Engel. Joel Cross, William W. Barron, Charles F. Kappel, Bush Brill, Charles Mills, Joseph Casey, Edward Warwick, Ernest Washington, Earl Green, Charles Dorsey, A. W., Kiein, George MacFarlane and Alvin Burrows.

Many deaths occurred as a result of fire. In a number of instances clothing ignited and death resulted, while in other instances persons were caught in burning structures and burned to ideath. The most serious fire which involved loss of life was that one that occurred on the grounds of the Washington Jockey Club which resulted in John Smith, John Louden and John Duncan losing their lives. Others who lost their lives as a result of burns, were George D. Loor, Burton Rudd.

Methods and more than 5,000 persons heard him.

During this month a new Presbyterlan Church was dedicated at Hyatts-ville, Md., Rev. Dr. Charles F. Steck celebrated his fifth anniversary as pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church; Rev. Dr. B. Carradine became pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle; Sister Mary Rose Mullen of Visitation Convent in Georgetown observed the sixtieth anniversary of her entrance in the visitation Order; the Sisterhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation observed its tenth anniversary; Rev. Lewis E. Purdum went from the assistant pastorate of First Congregational Church to the pastorate of Immanuel Congregational Church to the pastorate of Immanuel Congregational Church to the pastorate of the Maryland Avenue Baptist Church.

At the opening of February Rev. tur, James Fitzhugh, Louise Chapman, Adelaide Carter, Claudia Tyler, Hannah Pollock, George Marston, Francis V. Dallas, Irene Mais, Katie Weitzer, Ruth Johnson, Edward Williams, Annie Shubert, Eugene Carter and Jesse

Parker.

A number of deaths resulted from falls. Some fell from vehicles, some slipped on the street and others fell in or about their homes. There were still others who were accidentally killed as a result of street car or steam car mishaps, electric shock, scalds and illuminating gas.

List of Such Fatalities.

The coroner's list of such fatalities included the names of John Thomas, Robert Lucas, Mary Davis, Mary Cohill, John A. Jewell, Charles H. Tompkins, W/B. Dawson, P. L. Kultgren, Dorothy Holroyd, Rosa Bond, Willie R. Gawen, Shadrick Conway, E. P. Maddox, James Mddd, Happy Edwards, Carrie Allen, C. R. Mobley.

Frances McDonald, Thomas Corne-R. Mobley. Frances McDonald, Thomas Corne-

ius, Caroline L. Rhodes, Erl Dykes, Mary J. Thomas, J. R. Becraft, Roy Hargett, W. M. Hunt, Josephine C. Mac wise, John Butler, Thomas P. Jacobs Lawrence N. Ricker, John S. Bennett, of the naval powder plant and prounds.

The steamers running out of this city in the past year carried several hundred thousand persons, but not an accident to a passenger is to be recorded. Accidents to freight-carrying craft are responsible for the loss of four lives. Early in April last the two-masted bay schooner Mary S. Ewing masted bay schooner Mary S. Ewing Carroll, Herman Lacy, Ruth Babcock, Josephine Brown, Joseph E. Grant, Edna Leper, Clara E. Burlingame, Ross Taylor, Seanna Bowie, M. A. Hessler, Joseph Wallace, T. F. Neary, Horace A. R. Young, George Marston, Francis Kirby, Annie Fogarty, Erne-stine Barnes, Fannie McGuire, Alberta White of three men lost their lives. In October the powerboat J. W. Elwell caught fire off Fort Washington and one man lost his life. Another was badly burned, but finally recovered from his injuries.

Improvements to the channels about this city continue. Early in the year the work of deepening Georgetown channel to twenty-one feet was completed, considerable dredging work has been done on the Eastern branch between the navy yard and the Potomac channel, and dredges are now at work on the portion of the Anacostia above the Anacostia Bridge. Bids for the excavation of a large quantity of material from the Anacostia were opened recently in the office of the engineer officer here, but the contract has not yet been awarded.

White.
Sister Mary Clayton, Martha E. Hall,
Arthur Rittenhouse, Louis E. Bond,
Charles Washington, Lillian M. Reynolds, Louis E. Brown, Juliana Gaskins, Edward O. Mann, M. P. Tozier,
William Robinson, Emma Robinson, B.
F. Butler, A. S. Van der Veer, Annie
E. Jackson, Tobias Scroggins, Milton
Scrivener, David R. Johnson, Clement
W. Poates, J. A. Emmert, Thomas F.
Byrne, Robert Wheeler, William Hamilton, Rahen Pasis, Alonzo S. Eaton,

torate of the Kendall Baptist Church in succession to Rev. Theron Outwater, deceased.

In September Archbishop O'Shea of New Zealand, noted Roman Catholic prelate, paid a visit to Washington, and Rev. P. C. Callaghan became rector of the Apostolic Mission House at Brookland. The 398th anniversary of the reformation was also observed. Rev. Charles E. Fultz observed his seventh anniversary at Memorial United Brethren Church.

The golden jubilee of the First Congregational Church was observed in November, and Rev. Dr. G. C. F. Bratenahl became dean of the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. The pan-American mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, and Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe were given a feception by the congregation of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.

In December the sixtieth anniversary of the Washington Hebrew Congrega-Scrivener,
W. Poates, J. A. Emmert, Phones.
Byrne, Robert Wheeler, William Hamilton, Rahen Pasis, Alonzo S. Eaton, G. Smith Bacon, Mary S. Roberts, William Kennedy, Edgar Brown.
Harry Hartless, Albert Woodville, Robert H. Wright, Isetta Kennel, Edgares A. Myers, Laura Stonesfer, Alice E. Spriggs, Henry Outlaw, Frank et Mahoney, John Lyons, Harry Belt, John Silk, Frances Hoffman, Isabella by A. Javins, Henry C. Estbroe, Jengie in Haney, George Johnson, Alfred Parker, In Brown, Andrew Stone and Amelia M. Simons.

Caroner Nevitt investigated the Church was dedicated. At one of these services, arranged by the pastor, Rev. Charles E. Fultz, a record money-held—\$4,500

Coroner Nevitt investigated the twenty-one homicides that were committed during the twelve months, and was called upon to approve numerous certificates of other physicians, and had to approve all cases of creation.



MGR. BONAVENTURE CERRETTI,

CHURCHES.

Father Shandelle's Jubilee.

In June Rev. Henry J. Shandelle, S.

his reception into the Jesuit Order, and Rev. F. N. W. Schneewelss became assistant pastor of St. Teresa's Catholic

Church During August the corner stone of the Idylwood Presbyterian Church was laid at Idylwood, Va., and work has been progressing on the building since. During this month Rev. W. S. Dunlop came from Pennsylvania to the pastorate of the Kendall Baptist Church in succession to Rev. Theron Out-

REV. HENRY RUMER,

### WEATHER.

Practically everything that happened During the past year a large number during 1915 was blamed on the war in of Washington pastors inaugurated a custom of setting aside a Sunday for Europe. Shipwrecks, conflagrations, explosions, inflated fortunes, epidemics of pastorates, a course which has -somebody was always to be found to

Sixty-Six Suicides Recorded.

More than 100 persons sought death at their own hands, and sixty-six of them succeeded. A score of the despondent persons ended their lives by shooting, thirteen took poison, six sought death in the river, twenty died from inhaling gas, six by hanging and two from incised wounds.

Victims of fatal automobile accidents during the year were Sarah Gross, Shirley Green, W. St. Clair Wood, Nathaniel Crowley, Miss Alberta G. Helm, Ruth Henson, Harry A. Latimer, Alfred Parker and Wilbert H. Washington. Those who lost their lives by drowning were William Ross, Harry L. Santanier of the past of the congregation asked that he reception given its introductions by other pastors who followed. A number of pastors resigned during the year and took up effort in other fields. During 1915 the Roman pontiff also honored a clergyman of this city, Mgr. Bonaventure Cerretti, for some years auditor of the papal legation, by sending him as apostolic delegate to Australia. He has become the first papal delegate to that country, and has established his headquarters in Sydney. Early in January Rev. G. A. Miller, observed his eighth anniversary in the pastorate. Rev. John Van Schaick, jr., resigned as pastor of the Church of Our Father (Universalist), but the congregation asked that he reconsider, which he did. Evangelist Billy Sunday are them of 1900 mercents. until Bladensburg people had to get to work pumping the water out of to work pumping the water out of their cellars, while train schedules on roads entering the capital were seri ously disarranged.

### Too Cloudy for Ground Hog.

The ground hog failed to see his shadow February 2 and believers in the animal as a weather prognosticator were much cheered; but a heavy weather gave the war party another win came from Virginia to the pastor torate of the Maryland Avenue Baptist.

At the opening of February Rev. Hinson Vernon Howlett, pastor of Second Baptist Church, announced his intention of accepting a call to the First Baptist Church of Atlantic City, and late in the year he was succeeded at Second Church by Rev. H. I. Stewart of Pennsylvania.

Seventh-Day Adventists announced that the denomination gave nearly \$273,000 for missions, and Rev. Dr. Henry Rumer resigned from the pastorate of the Kensington Presbyterian Church to accept a call to the eastern shore, of Maryland. Rev. R. L. Fuitz retired from the pastorate of Epworth M. E. Church South to go to a Maryland Bastorate, and Rev. W. Wedler derspoon, pastor of Foundry M. E. Church, observed his twenty-fifth anniversary in the ministry during the month.

During April, May and June John

by regions sent in complaints drought conditions. No rain of a consequence, however, fell until May 12, when the dry spell was broken.

### Hot Weather in June.

Memorial day brought the usual wet weather, the rainy spell continuing for one week. More hot weather came bureau's forecasts were for "unseasondisastrous hallstorm did heavy damage ning early in July, the entire country ecorded in Washington. Toward the end of July, however, a cool season began, general electrical storms over ficially August 3 that the hot wave was broken. Thunderstorms, cool weather and more blame for the war in Europe filled the period to August 17, when the big West Indian hurricane had its effect along the gulf coast, wrought millions of dollars of damage at Galveston, Texas City and other gulf points, and gave this vicinity a scare.

Following this outburst of the elements the weather turned cool again, Chicago reporting the coldest August temperature on record August 31, which was also Washington's coldest day of the summer. Snow fell in Tennessee September 6, but within a week the country was sweltering in the most unbearable heat of the year, when in many cities the schools were compelled to close because pupils could not stand the high temperature. This torrid spell did not disappear until September 18.

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September 18.
Washington's first frost of the present season occurred October 9. The first ice reported formed on Four Mile run the night of November 3. The tinguished civil engineer, identified with important public works, and one of Prof. William Proctor, denominated as the "father of American pharmacy." memorial in the Smithsonian grounds.

Theater, January 9, of 3,000 the Henry W. Savage from Frederic J. Haskin's book, "The American Governfrebruary 24, when the Vice President of the United States, several members of the United States, several members of the President's cabinet, the judiciary and prominent members of the army, navy, social and business circles of Washington were guests of The Star's staff, and again May 6, at the Belasco Theater, when the school children of Washington were treated to a view of the notable natural scolored moving size. of Europe," furnishing educational information of the great war in campaign to test the views of the gov-

rnment employes of Washington as to tor cycle without accident. Seve he straight and the contributory plans meetings were held of the Automot of pensioning the superannuated employes of the government, both for the information of Congress and for the information of Congress and for the benefit of the employes themselves.

November 28 The Star published an electrical prosperity section to enlighten its readers as to the wonderful advance made and being made in this important field of endeavor.

Numerous other instances might be

The Maine Memorial, in the Arlington national cemetery, which was completed and dedicated last February, was the only memorial added last year to the large collection of such structures in the District of Columbia. The corner stones of several other memorials were it add during the year, however, and legitary and the chalmers car, in 6 hours 40 minutes. This record was latter broken by Samuel A. Luttrell, in a twelve-cylinder Packard touring car, covering the 140 miles in 4 hours 55 minutes. All of the records were broken without mishaps in each instance.

A number of Washington motorists journeyed to Philadelphia and thence to Atlantic City in an endurance run, the local autoists capturing eight silver cups. Automobile races were held raid during the year, however, and leg-

located in the Botanic Garden, near the street. That memorial will be provided by the state of Pennsylvania, of which Gen. Meade was a citizen. It also is contemplated to erect a memorial of President James Buchanan in Meridian Hill Park, for which there is available \$100,000, bequeathed for that purpose by Miss Harriet Lane

In addition to the above bills ar pending in Congress providing for suitable memorials of Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton, and for the erection in the Arlington national cemetery of monuments in memory of Charles Wilkes and Maj. Gen. Henry W. Lawton. Congressional authority public parks of Washington of a me

Maj. Sylvester; Daniel J. Donovan Takes Dr. Tindall's Place as Secretary to District Heads.

Raymond W. Pullman Succeeds

### MOTORING.

rests made for "joy riding" in stolen Library extended its service was t nearly every instance, however, the police recovered the cars and restored eration between the library and the tion of the District authorities was the Parking spaces in the center of streets were established on Vermont avenue between H and I streets northwest, New York avenue between 13th and 14th streets, Pennsylvania avenue between 9th and 15th streets northwest and on F street between 14th and 15th streets northwest.

Dooks at one time,

A class for the training of persons wishing to take up library work was established in October.

Dr. George F. Bowerman, librarian, in his annual report stated that an increase of 89,364 books had been loaned for home use and that nearly 100,000 mounted nictures had been circulated. tween 14th and 15th streets northwest. In connection with this method of York and Pennsylvania avenues protested against a new ruling prohibiting vehicles from stopping at the curb in front of their places of business onger than to permit passengers to alight or enter vehicles. It was claim-

merchants so affected. tantially in adin the matter ed the important increased subscribers, stained losses for social and ting the year at at the Coy 9, of 3,000 ovies showing produced by ederic J. Hasican Governof The Eventof The Eventof The Eventof The Coy 10, of the tentof The Eventof The Coy 10, of the tentof The Eventof The Coy 10, of the tentof The Eventof The order was suspended the day the main thoroughfares, with a view to reducing the number of accidents

opinion that dimmers, when not daz-zling or blinding, were permissible.

The National Capital Motor Cycle Club held a motor show at one of the local theaters and conducted a hill climb in the fall. The Washington Mo-tor Cycle Club also elected officers for the ensuing year. W. F. Baker and R. A. O'Brien, two local boys, journeyed to San Francisco and return on a mo-lor cycle without accident. Several

Numerous other instances might be cited to show that The Star has been ever alert in catering to the newspect of the District of Columbia and nearby country, and maintaining its well established and justly earned title of "the family newspaper of the National Capital."

MEMORIALS

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The New York-Washington automobile record was broken by David S. Hendrick in a six-cylinder Franklin touring car, accompanied by official observers, negotiating the 242 miles in 9 hours 9 minutes, the former record being held by Samuel A. Luttrell of the National Capital."

MONUMENTS AND

MEMORIALS

The New York-Washington automobile to playing Solid rare books, pamphlets and manuscripts from Henry Harrisse, historian do borrapher, and collections of Mrs. John Boyd Thacher of Albany. It is city in a Packard, in 1911, in 11 hours 41 minutes. Ed. B. Terry, in a six-cylinder Appears on touring car, lowered the Franklin record in the late summer, covering the same course in shours 52 minutes. H. A. Jenks, in a six-cylinder Appears of the Library of Congress by President Wilson to succeed Bernard Green, deceased. W. W. Bishop was appointed as librarian of the Library. William A. Slade was elected president of the District of Columbia Library Association. cited to show that The Star has been bile record was broken by David S. Hendrick in a six-cylinder Franklin

of many others.

The principal memorials now in course of construction in this vicinity are the Lincoln Memorial, in West Potomac Park, estimated to cost \$2,000, 1000; the memorial of Gen U. S. Grant 1000; the memorial of west virginia. West, the first of tomac Park, estimated to cost \$2,000,000; the memorial of Gen. U. S. Grant,
on the 1st street side of the Botanic Garden, to cost about \$250,000; the memorial to the women of the civil war, a building assigned to the use of the American Red Cross, located on the square bounded by 17th and 18th and D and E streets, and costing \$800,000, and the memorial amphitheater and chapel in the Arlington national cemetery, which structure is to cost about \$500,000.

The Grant Memorial was begun in 1907 and still lacks the equestrian statue of Grant and the subsidiary cavalry group. Corner stones of the three other memorials named were laid with limposing ceremonics during the year and work on each of them is in a fair state of progress.

Plans are under way for the erection of the kind ever held in this section of the country. Representatives of the same organization for the connects the National Capital with Richmond, Va. The cost will be not a memorial to Gen. George G. Meade, the hero of Gettysburg, to be located in the Botanic Garden, near the located in the l

During the year a number of tests of motor trucks of various types were demonstrated before officials of the federal government, United States Army, Navy and Marine Corps. The Washington section of the Electric Vehicle Association of America proved active in electrical circles during the year in the early summer the second tion being held. A feature of electrical prosperity week was a parade of electrical and gasoline vehicles and trucks to the number of 200, arranged by the same association. E. S. Marlow, first chairman of the Washington section, died during the year. Several of the local hospitals were provided with new motor-driven ambulances of the latest type, while several new motor-driven pieces of fire apparatus were installed in the District of Columbia fire department.

Judges Alexander R. Mullowny and James L. Pugh presided in the courts throughout the year. Since April 1 Judge Mullowny has occupied the year bench in the District branch, while several new motor-driven pieces of fire apparatus were installed in the District of Columbia fire department.

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A tollgate was erected in Fairfax county, Va., near Vienna, and with the completion of new macadamized roads the county authorities announced their intention of erecting more. The Alexandria county authorities threatened to retaliate by establishing gates where the new roads connected up with the county. A new boulevard was completed from the new military road at the Virginia end of the Highway bridge to Alexandria, Va. During the year anumber of accidents occurred between motor vehicles and many persons were injured and killed.

Year. There was one change in the court attaches during the year. C. A. Massie, who held the position of chief probation officer, resignation took effect the following month. George Heaney of New Jersey was appointed by the judges to fill the vacancy. Miss Estelle Foster is the assistant probation officer. More than 4,726 warrants were issued in United States cases during the year. C. A. Massie, who held the position of chief probation officer, resignation took effect the following month. George Heaney of New Jersey was appointed by the judges to fill the vacancy. Miss Estelle Foster is the assistant probation officer. More than 4,726 warrants were issued in United States cases during the year.

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### LIBRARIES.

Libraries in Washington progress One of the many important decisions steadily throughout the year, giving endered during the year was one by service to thousands of persons. Mar he United States Supreme Court, when notable additions were made to the col upheld the Maryland automobile lections of books, manuscripts and picense law, compelling District motor- tures, although the European wa

tributing books by messenger. Co-opschools continued, with addi who wished to go away on vacation during the summer. These boys at

nounted pictures had been circulated work in the children's departr

work in the children's department.

Need for increased appropriations to carry on the work of the institution was noted in the report of the board of trustees. They found that in comparison with other libraries of its class the amount allowed for maintenance of the library here is inadequate.

of Colorado, painted by Lucien W



William McKay Clayton, D. 2 wards and Henry S. Matthews named by the District Commiss as trustees of the library, succ R. Ross Perry, Herbert Putnar Ernest L. Thurston.

of rare books, pamphlets and manu

### brary Associatio

Blind persons in various parts of the country were assisted by the Na tional Library of the Blind, which has thousand books were loaned during the year and 1,000 readers cared for. having seventy-five books transcribed tional reading material for the blind, but furnished work for those to whom the transcribing was given.

An exhibit of work done by the blind was displayed at the Library of Congress.
Officers of the National Library for the Blind were all re-elected at a meeting early in December, being headed again by Thomas Nelson Page

### · POLICE COURT.

filed in the Police Court during the mations were flied in the District United States branch.

more than \$114,625, which were colclerk. The principal offenses were drunkenness, disorderly conduct and violation of the police regulations in assault and petit larceny were the